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WOMAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN DEATH OF LOCAL GIRL

San Diego, CA (February 26, 1999) -- A San Diego woman is facing charges of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter for the death of a 12-year-old girl, who was crossing Waring Road in January.

The San Diego City Attorney filed charges today in the San Diego Superior Court, alleging that Debra Carol Kernes committed vehicular manslaughter when she hit 12-year-old Aleszondra Afflalo, who was crossing in the crosswalk in the 5300 block of Waring Road with her 11-year-old brother, on January 21, 1999. Both children were hit by Kernes. Aleszondra died as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision. The San Diego Police Department investigated the collision.

The City Attorney alleges that Kernes committed a violation of the Vehicle Code, failure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, and this unlawful act proximately caused the death of the 12-year-old girl. Misdemeanor manslaughter, a violation of Penal Code section 192 (c)(2), may be punished by up to one year in the county jail and a \$1,000 fine. Kernes is being notified to appear for arraignment in the Misdemeanor Arraignment Court of the San Diego Superior Court on March 12, 1999.

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